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## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A microphone comprising:

a color display which is visible from the outside and which signals <u>multiple parameters</u> the ready status of the microphone; and

a switching device being provided for switching the color of the display.

- 2. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein the microphone has multicolored LED elements, wherein the LED lights can be controlled by said switching device in such a way that only a desired color is visible from the outside.
- 3. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein illumination which emits white light is provided in the microphone, wherein the illumination is covered by a rotatable disk in which windows of different colors are formed.
- 4. (Original) The microphone according to claim 2, wherein LED illumination is pulsed and information can be transmitted by way of the illumination and evaluated automatically by a studio TV camera system.
- 5. (Original) The microphone according to claim 3, wherein the LED illumination is pulsed and information can be transmitted by way of the illumination and evaluated automatically by a studio TV camera system.